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# LSU won't say how it will spend \$42K

Union pockets \$54,000 and is set to spend \$12,000, refuses to elaborate on rest

By SAM REYNOLDS

A committee of the Langara Students' Union had a budget surplus of approximately \$42,000 for the 2011-2012 school year, and is refusing to provide meeting minutes from the year to *The Voice*.

The Students' Issue Actions Committee — which has a mandate to “address the barriers to accessible, affordable post-secondary education” by lobbying the province and government to reduce fees — received approximate-

ly \$54,000 in student fees last academic year and spent approximately \$12,000. The rest of the money is deposited into a GIC (a savings bond offered by a financial institution), which is available for the entire LSU to use with SIAC having priority according to LSU media liaison Sonja “Andy” Sandberg.

Sandberg said this year's budget may be larger.

“Because of the [provincial] election it might be a bit more this year,” Sandberg said.

Sandberg explained last year's SIAC

activities were focused on promoting “student issues” in the civic election, getting out the student vote (though Sandberg claimed the LSU remains non-partisan), and promoting urban agriculture — a movement also promoted by Vision Vancouver.

Sandberg also mentioned that the SIAC is an active part of the “Where's the Funding” campaign, organized by the University of Victoria's left-leaning FUSE slate. Sandberg said Langara students were bussed to Victoria to participate in a protest on the Legisla-

ture's lawn.

When the meeting minutes for the year were requested from the LSU, a resource co-ordinator for the union said minutes would be made available 48 hours after receipt of an email request. No minutes were ever sent. A further 72 hours after the initial request was made, an LSU staffer claimed minutes would only be available from the office in-person, but this same staffer refused to produce minutes when presented with an in-person request.

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SANDBERG  
LSU media liaison

## FRUIT AND VEG AMONGST THOSE PRODUCTS IN HIGH DEMAND THIS THANKSGIVING

Customers queue for fruit and vegetables at a farmers market on Marine Drive ahead of Thanksgiving this weekend. Local produce is in high demand as always and this market helps to conquer the need for food. Students will be happy due to the holiday on Monday. For full story see page 5.

JULES KNOX photo



## LSU money: no interest

Students fail to ask what LSU fees go towards at last week's election forum

By JANA MINOR

The Langara Students' Union administers a budget of \$2.2 million yet not one student approached the microphone at last week's election forum to question how that money is spent.

Over 9,000 Langara students pay approximately \$70 each term in mandatory dues to the LSU not including health and dental plan fees.

But candidate's knowledge of the current LSU financial position range from “no idea” to Andy Sandberg's response as LSU spokesperson that “a huge draw on the budget is the mortgage, but we're still in the black.”

Some candidates were shocked to learn there is a mortgage on the Students' Union Building, or the SUB.

Last year, the LSU paid \$194,000 in mortgage principal and interest payments.

The 22-member LSU board of directors who get elected by the student body decide how that money collected by the LSU gets spent.

The campaigning for five of those vacant positions kicked off last week with an All Candidates Forum in the SUB at noon on Sept. 26, where candidates gave short campaign speeches and offered to answer questions.

Adam Giesbrecht, a psychology student running for queer liaison, was displeased with the audience turnout. The crowd was composed of roughly 25 students seated in lounge chairs prior to the event.

“I don't think anyone was here for this, except one girl up front. Everyone had their headphones in,” he said.

Low student electoral engagement may not be surprising considering runners are restricted from campaigning online using Facebook or Twitter.

See Voting today, Friday, page 3

# 31 staff members retire from college

But still no money saved for college as all vacted positions to be filled

By JENNIFER THUNCHER

Staff members at Langara have been attending more than their share of retirement parties lately. Over the past eight months, 31 senior personnel have retired causing a culture shift at the highest levels.

According to Dawn Palmer, associate vice-president of human resources, there is no cost savings for Langara as a result of the turnover because all the positions will be filled.

Palmer says many of the 31 had been on campus since it opened in 1970.

“The work they did is one of the reasons we are a top school today,” she

said.

On the employment page of Langara's website there are four administrative, five faculty and 13 staff positions listed as open or in the screening process.

With so many Canadian baby boomers retiring, many institutions are experiencing the same transition.

Roger Mannell, director of the RBC Retirement Research Centre at the University of Waterloo, said that planning is key to surviving a boomer exodus.

“The negative impact of losing talented people ... can be reduced by having effective succession and leadership development strategies,” Mannell said by email.

According to Palmer, Langara's intensive transition plan began more than 18 months ago.

She notes with the influx of new peo-

ple, everyone has to learn to work together in new and different ways.

Lynn Carter, president of the Langara Faculty Association, says the loss of valuable people leads to a loss in experience and continuity.

Carter said she feels the loss of certain colleagues, such as former vice-president academic and provost Martin Gerson, because they had developed a comfortable routine, but she believes the impressive new hires offer opportunities for all. “It is a time of renewal and change,” she said.

Former instructor Ariadne Bursewicz, who retired last year, thinks with Langara's focus on classroom teaching, students won't notice a difference in their education. She believes former employees remain a resource.

“Retirees don't just vanish,” Bursewicz said. She visits the campus to stay in touch and advise if needed.

## NOTABLE retirees

- Deanna Douglas (enrolment management)
- Linda Arnold (associate vp academic)
- Jay Strachan (Director of facilities and purchasing)
- Anne Roberts (Journalism department chair)
- Mel Fearman (building services manager)



# Police loan out engravers to cyclists

*Local police trying to prevent bike thefts in South Vancouver by marking bicycles and valuables*

By RYAN BANAGAN

Bicycles are stolen in the southwest region of Vancouver and the downtown core more than anywhere else in the city, says a report from the Vancouver Police Department.

As a result, the South Vancouver Community Policing Centre has started the Property Engraving Program.

The program allows citizens to engrave their valuable goods, like bicycles, with their information.

This way, thieves are less likely to steal the marked items and if they are stolen, police can find the owner and return the bicycle or other valuable quickly and easily.

“Usually we recommend that people engrave their driver’s license number on the bike,” said Constable Andrew Pang on Saturday at their annual Community Policing Day.

A driver’s license or other ID number is suggested because police can run the number through their computer database and locate the owner efficiently.

Police agencies have immediate national and international communications, noted Pang.

“Within seconds, police will get the description of the identified property,” he said.

This means wherever the stolen bicycle or other item is found, local police can still identify the rightful owner.

Police also advise owners record the serial number of their bicycle or other valuable for their own records.

The hope is that easier police identification will discourage thieves from taking items that once couldn’t be identified by ownership, said Pang.

Whether or not the new program is working is still in question.

“We haven’t seen too much success with the program yet, but then again it hasn’t been around for long,” Pang said.

Between January 1 and May 31 of this year, 554 bikes were reported stolen in Vancouver, compared to 338 in the same period last year.

The southwest portion of the city, running from UBC and Point Grey to the Sunset, Oakridge and Marpole neighbourhoods, had the highest theft rates this year and last.

During the five month window of the report, 228 bicycles were stolen from the southwest region this year.

An overwhelming majority of the thefts were bicycles reported stolen from bike racks.

There have also been reports of burglars scaling apartment buildings to reach balconies and fire escapes in order to steal unattended and unlocked bikes.

Police suggest locking your bicycle in well-lit public places where there is more of a chance someone will see the bike being stolen and intervene.

The engravers are loaned out free to the public for one week with a refundable deposit of \$20.

For more information about renting an engraver contact the South Vancouver Community Policing Centre directly at 604-717-2940.



STEVEN CHUA photo

*Kathleen Oliver, an English instructor at Langara College, says the weather plays a role in how many people commute via bike.*

# Commuters biking, but not to school

*New studies say Vancouver commuters riding bikes more, but Langara’s numbers dropped*

By STEVEN CHUA

More people are riding their bikes, but not to Langara College, according to surveys. Recent TransLink figures show that from 2008 to 2011 bike use went up over 25 per cent in Metro Vancouver.

But not everyone is embracing the trend.

“The Canada Line is more convenient,” said Erica Yuan, an economics student at Langara.

Sentiments like this are echoed in the college’s informal surveys, which suggest that bike ridership numbers have dropped by almost 50 per cent.

Statistics taken from Langara polls show that 3 per cent of people in 2011 used bikes as their main way of getting to school, down from 5 per cent in 2008.

Raymond Yeung, the College’s transportation co-ordinator, said the figures were a good start at getting an idea of ridership, but a randomized survey would be needed to get a concrete understanding.

The Langara community also noticed a difference in numbers.

“I’m surprised,” said Joe Maceachern, an education student at Langara. “There seems to be fewer [cyclists].”

“And relative to the numbers in Langara, I’m a little bit shocked there are so few bicycles here,” he said.

Others think that seasonal changes make it hard to measure how many riders make the trip to school each day.

Kathleen Oliver, an English instructor at Langara, says it’s hard to tell if cyclist numbers are changing as a trend or if the weather is the deciding factor.

“The weather’s still really good so it’s too early to call that one I think,” said Oliver, observing that ridership could easily plummet once the city’s rainy season hits.

Yeung said the college is encouraging more people to bike to school by providing infrastructure such as the installation of three charging stations for electric bicycles.

When asked if the city had plans to increase ridership in both the Langara and South Vancouver areas, Councillor Geoff Meggs said, “Well no doubt there are [plans], but they are going to be in our Transportation 2040 plan this fall.”

## BIKE safety

- Remember it’s illegal to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk or through a crosswalk
- Invest in a safe helmet and high-visibility lights for night riding
- Ride carefully when riding in wet or icy conditions

Source: Bike Sense BC

# New hot tub seating a 'good times' machine

*The area of South Hill is now home to a food truck and new public seating*

By SIMONE PFEIFFER

Hot Tubs, a new public art project, was installed near the corner of Fraser and East 44th Avenue in the first week of September.

The site was developed as part of a South Hill Business Improvement Association proposal to Viva Vancouver, a city program that turns regular spaces into public areas.

Hot Tubs was designed by Matthew Thomson and Erika Mashig earlier this year.

The site was intended to “be a temporary seating area,” said BIA Marketing Assistant Justin Lai. “It’s a place where people can pick up a snack and have a rest.”

The association hoped to have the project up for at least six months.

The City of Vancouver recently announced the hot tubs have been approved for the next three years.

Lai said Hot Tubs got a positive reaction from visitors following the launch party in early September.

Residents of the area seem appreciative of the installation, but it isn’t as popular as initially anticipated.

Keller Ng said she first noticed it when she drove by and saw the launch party which was held on Sept. 7.

“I thought it was part of a movie shoot, it was so nice,” said Ng.

Carol Robillard lives a few doors down the street.

She said that she hasn’t seen many people visit the site since it was built.

“It’s not being used as much as they thought,” she said.

“I walk by every day with my dogs. Most people come by to eat and then go,” said Robillard.

Across the street is JJ’s Trucketeria, a food truck that debuted at the launch party for Hot Tubs.

It is “the first [food truck] outside the downtown core,” said Lai.

JJ’s Trucketeria serves a mix of foods, including perogies, breakfast foods, tacos, and fried rice dishes and is located across from Hot Tubs.

While Robillard said the Hot Tubs project is a great idea, she thinks it would draw more people if it was in a more central location, closer to the shops along Fraser Street.

She says the people who walk by the seating and use it the most are residents of the South Hill neighbourhood.



SOUTH HILL BIA photo

*One of the Hot Tub seats near 44th Avenue and Fraser Street.*



# HPV vaccinations free on campus

*Students born in 1991, '92 or '93 are eligible for a free HPV vaccination from school nurse*

By TANYA HILL

This April, Langara College Health Services started offering the HPV vaccination for free for women born between 1991 to 1993 while supplies last.

The vaccine normally costs \$405 in total, given in a series of three shots of \$135 dollars each.

Before the vaccine was available, regular Pap smears, a simple screening test performed by a doctor, were the best defence against cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus.

But in March, a new campaign was launched by the federal government to vaccinate women born between 1991

and 1993. Although the vaccine has been available for free in public schools after 2008, B.C. Health officials said that offering the vaccine to this age group is cost effective and will prevent cervical cancer.

"We are saving lives and it will prevent women from becoming ill," said Susan Kensett, a community health nurse at Langara health services. "The vaccine is effective pre-contact HPV.



**SUSAN KENSETT**  
A community health nurse at Langara health services

Once in contact HPV, the vaccine is not as effective. Women still need regular Pap screening because the HPV vaccination doesn't protect against every [type of cervical] cancer."

Recent studies show the HPV causes 70 per cent of all cervical cancer and kills 400 women in Canada every year.

In 2007, \$300 million was set aside by the federal government for a nationwide vaccination program to reduce the rate of cervical cancer.

Health Canada approved the HPV vaccination Gardasil in 2006 to help prevent cervical cancer and genital warts caused by HPV.

The vaccination is approved and available in Canada for females be-

tween nine and 26 years of age.

Langara will be providing an HPV vaccination called Cervarix for free, which protects against two types of HPV that cause 70 per cent of cervical cancers, according to Immunize B.C. This is part of the federal government's nationwide vaccination program.

The World Health Organization warns that cervical cancer kills about 250,000 women worldwide every year.

The statistics may seem alarming, but since the introduction of the Pap test, which is used to detect precancerous and cancerous cells, the cervical cancer death rate has dropped by half according to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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*We are saving lives and it will prevent women from becoming ill.*

## No room for kids: daycare

*The lengthy waiting list for the campus daycare frustrates parents while they wait for vacancy*

By JUDY CHERN

Many students at Langara complete their education in two years, while the daycare waitlist can be as long as 2 1/2 years.

The long wait to enrol children in Langara's daycare is an example of an ongoing problem in Vancouver that is leaving many parents frustrated.

Daycare director Ruth Bancroft was unavailable for an interview, but said in an email that this is a problem throughout Vancouver. "Langara is no exception," she said. "Many families put their children on numerous daycare waitlists...which can over-inflate the actual numbers waiting, so we can't always tell if a family has found a space somewhere else."

Bancroft also said that the toddler program only has space for 12 children out of the 62 spots available, making it difficult to accommodate the needs of those with younger children. "[It] is the maximum group size allowed by our licensing authority," she said.

The daycare underwent an expansion 12 years ago, which "helped a lot at the time," said the director.

Sze Yip is frustrated with the childcare situation in the city. He started teaching evenings as an accounting instructor at Langara just to get his son in the program.

"I considered friends, family and other programs," he added. Even then, he had to wait 2 1/2 years. He mentioned that many other programs are more than three times the cost—stating that Langara's program costs around \$200, while most other programs are \$700.

Paul Granat, a director at a local baseball camp, said he tried to start a sports-centred afterschool program with a daycare, but found it difficult because of tight city regulations, which require an outdoor play area on the same property. He thinks this contributes to the problem. "It's hard to find space, since Vancouver is mostly commercial," Granat said. "It was frustrating...there was a park directly across the street, but we couldn't use it."

## NO RUSH TO SOAK UP AUTUMN SUN: SUNNY FORECAST



SASCHA PORTEOUS photo

Aygul Rakhmangulova, a Langara fine arts student, works on a sculpture in the bright October sunshine on Wednesday. Vancouver broke records this year for the driest August and September since 1907. The sunny weather is expected to stick around - there is still no rain in the forecast.

## New vice-prez happy to be home

*Langara's new vice-president is happy to be back in the land of Translink transit and hockey fans*

By MICHAEL LETENDRE

If Bradley O'Hara, Langara's new vice-president, has a hint of a southern accent, it is because he has been working in Louisiana for the past 25 years.

O'Hara, originally from Ontario, moved down South when he was a 31-year-old to pursue a doctorate in marketing from Louisiana State University.

After graduation, he worked in the Louisiana university system where he won awards and acclaim.

Now he's brought his experience to Langara.

Sitting in his office wearing a crisp white shirt with a red tie and red glasses, O'Hara explains his goal is to help Langara's programs continue to grow and excel.

He plans to do this by working closely with faculty and by promoting the school at public venues and events.

Adjusting to his new position has meant busy days and nights for the vice-president while he tries to learn everything he can about Langara.

"Right now my hobby is coming to work," he laughs.

Moving to Vancouver has been a lifelong goal for O'Hara and it also means he no longer has to spend hours commuting to work.

"I feel like I've died and gone to heaven," he says. "I hop on the Canada Line, I get off at 49th and Langara, I walk two blocks to work and I'm here in 15 minutes."

Having lived in a place where "football is religion" has not diminished O'Hara's love for Canada's game. He loves the Canucks, and is anxious for hockey to resume.

"It's fall. It's time for hockey to start."

## Voting today, Friday

**Continued from page 1**

Most candidates are not putting up posters because of the strict rules for removing each poster before voting begins or risk disqualification.

Voting continues today and Friday for queer, women's and disability liaisons, environmental issues coordinator and board member at large.





Emily Cooper photos

From Left to Right: Stephanie Iszak, Tim W. Carlson, Cheyenne Mabberly and Chris Cope from *Attempts on her Life*.

# A bold attempt well Dunn

*Studio 58's first production of 2012 embraces creative freedom*

## Attempts on her Life

- Directed by Katrina Dunn
- Written by Martin Crimp
- Tickets available on Studio 58 webpage
- Play runs until October 14

By ANNIE ELLISON

**A**ttempts on her Life: Seventeen Scenarios for Theatre is Martin Crimp's provocative portrayal of a mystery woman named Anne. It is showing at Studio 58 until Oct. 14.

In true postmodern fashion, interpretations of Anne range from a flashy new car, to a terrorist, to the subject of an art exhibit.

In the script, no line is assigned to any specific character throughout the 17 unrelated scenes.

By removing the things that are central to any story – plot and characters – *Attempts...* forces audience members not to passively receive the story, but to make meaning from the fragments of information. All 17 have their own spin on Anne.

Director Katrina Dunn took profound creative freedom and created a

powerful theatrical experience.

"It's a political statement to take more control of how you receive messages," she said.

Seeing this production is an active process of questioning.

Two TV monitors staged left and right provide a live feed pertaining to each scene.

Scenographer David Roberts' set, which includes a closed-circuit holding pen for the audience, abrasively conveys Crimp's message that media constructs our reality.

With no character-specific lines, when the same actor appears in different scenes wearing the same costume, we assume that it is the same character – but it's not. Or is it?

In this we catch ourselves imposing meaning on the play, while questioning our understanding. Got you thinking yet?

That Dunn's rendition is at times hilarious, disturbing, infuriating and always perplexing is a good forecast for the 2012 cast of Studio 58.

Some scenes were more memorable than others. Group ensemble pieces shone brightest, thanks to the choreography of Kathleen McDonagh.

Alex Patalas and Stephanie Iszak had standout performances.

The play ends without warning on the words "previously frozen." The near-full house received it with gusto.

For those who fancy post-modern literature or contemporary theatre, this play is essential viewing.

Not your thing? Media, sexuality, language and form will hotwire your consciousness and you will be better for it.

Bring few preconceptions. Leave with a new perspective.

# Film Fest is back

*Vancouver International Film Festival brings a wide variety of cinema*

By KATJA DE BOCK

**T**he Vancouver International Film Festival starts its second week today and Langara film arts grad Brie Koniczek is ready to welcome thousands of patrons.

"Our main priority is getting the butts in the seat and starting the movie," said the festival venue manager. She recommends volunteering. "You work 32 hours . . . You find out the skinny on what the best films are and you get to go for free. It's such a good deal."

Diversity is key at the festival. "Imagine a world where you could only listen to stadium rock, and indie bands could never be heard," said Alan Franey, festival director for 31 years. "A lot of the best cinema is like indie music."



BRIE KONICZEK  
VIFF Venue Manager

Langara theatre student Andrew Ferguson says he scans the catalogue for strange descriptions. "The more bizarre it sounds, the more interested I am."

Langara Business student Aaron Chung is interested in the Dragons & Tigers section, highlighting the cinema of East Asia.

He enjoys the social aspect of cinema. "It's the whole experience, you have it on a bigger screen, you can go with friends," he said.

Festival programmer Stephanie Damgaard can relate to students' busy lives and suggests the Canadian shorts screenings.

"It's a great way to see a wide variety of genres and styles in one program," she said. "It's also great way to see something by someone you've never heard of before and discover the next gem."

Damgaard suggests Xavier Dolan's transgender love story *Laurence Anyways*. "I would definitely recommend [his film] to college students. It's his third film and he is just getting better."

# Metro on Marpole celebrates 50

*The Metro Theatre, open since 1963, is in the midst of celebrating 50 years of theater*

By ANNIE ELLISON

**T**he Metro Theatre is celebrating 50 years of volunteer-run community theatre in south Vancouver to the applause of supporters across the city.

The self-proclaimed "humble little theatre" is tucked beneath the Arthur Laing Bridge on-ramp, on the hotly contested Musqueam Nation site known as the Marpole Midden.

To honour the people who have made its existence possible, the 50th season provides a victory lap of chosen Metro favorites.

This season opened in August with *Relatively Speaking*, and will include a gala celebration for *Lend me a Tenor* on Nov. 3.

The theatre opened in 1963 and for decades it filled the theatrical cravings of the British expat community.

During the tech rehearsal for *I'll be*

*Back Before Midnight* - the most-ever produced Canadian play - several English accents could be heard arguing over lighting cues.

Metro Theatre Company board of directors member Steve Dotto's first memory of the Metro was from 1972, watching *Brigadoon* at age 13.

Dotto notes a steady decline in seat sales in the last 15 years as that loyal British patronage has begun to age.

With this in mind, the Metro has overhauled its advertising focus. Social media and web publicity have replaced print and radio "to put bums in seats," as Dotto puts it, which were newly donated this year.

Donors and volunteers like professional director Don Glossop help keep the Metro alive.

"Everything I do here, I do for love," says Glossop. "Without volunteers we couldn't exist."

The typical Metro volunteer is either in early adulthood, or newly retired. Because of this, teenagers and seniors get the rare chance to connect and collaborate.

However, the theatre's size, age and location present particular challenges.

Board member Don Briard wonders if "a smaller, newer space in a better location" might secure another 50 years for the Metro.

Despite its obscure location, the theatre will see its millionth patron this year. At eight shows per season, that's 400 shows in 50 years. Such is the staying power of hidden charm, for Dotto.

"It's a discovery you get to make. It becomes part of your life. That's the beauty of it."

To become a part of the Metro's legacy, visit [metrotheatre.vancouver.com](http://metrotheatre.vancouver.com). New friends are always welcome.



Annie Ellison photo

*The Metro Theatre, just over the Arthur Liang Bridge.*





JULES KNOX photo

A local farmer at The River District Farmers Market hands a lettuce head to a customer this Saturday.

# Fresh Thanksgiving on tap

*Local farmers' market has the freshest produce for Thanksgiving*

By JULES KNOX

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, many shoppers are left with the problem of finding fresh ingredients for a traditional turkey dinner.

The River District Farmers Market offers a solution; the Saturday market at Kerr Street Plaza sells fruits and vegetables straight from the farm, while fostering a community vibe.

Kyra Lubell, the River District spokeswoman, says she hopes shoppers will spend some time hanging out at the market.

"Come and enjoy the river, play on the playground, and grab a bite to eat," she says. "We're in such a beautiful setting and we want to take advantage of that."

The market is situated next to a peaceful section of the Fraser River where freshly cut logs float in the water. By early afternoon the plaza bustled with shoppers.

"People are worried about the high population density going in around here, but this feels like a community," says shopper Gail Schmalz. "I'm surprised that Vancouver has taken so long to realize that it has a second waterfront in the heart of the city."

As the popularity of the market grows, vendors want to increase public awareness about the benefits of buying locally grown produce.

"Our food keeps a lot longer because it was harvested sometimes minutes before it shows up at the farmers' market," says local farmer Julia Smith. "And if we run out of something, one of us can run home and harvest some more."

Smith says that buying locally grown food supports the regional economy.

"Every dollar that goes into the till at the market gets spent in the local community."

Local resident Barbara Dawson admits prices at the market are a bit higher than she would normally pay.

"But the farmers work hard. They put their heart into it and they're not making a lot of money," she says. "It's worth it because everything is a lot fresher."

Jasbir Mandair, a farmer from Abbotsford, believes that an important part of the farmers' market is educating shoppers about the food they buy.

"You wouldn't even believe how many people are excited to see how brussels sprouts are grown," she says.

The market runs every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October 27.

**“Our food keeps a lot longer because it was harvested sometimes minutes before it shows up**

Julia Smith  
Local Farmer

# Customers crowd stores for iPhone 5



Photo from CNet.com

The new iPhone 5 on display at the Oakridge Centre Apple Store.

*Huge demand for iPhone 5 cannot be matched by manufacturer, Apple sales and inventory take hit*

By RICHARD HODGES

The release of Apple's new iPhone 5 suggests the company is still struggling to find its footing after the death of Steve Jobs.

Despite two million pre-orders worldwide and over five million sold in the first three days, the new smartphone fell short of predicted sales. This was caused by a lack of inventory.

"Every day we receive shipments of products from our warehouses and we don't know what's in them until we open them," said Oakridge Centre Apple store employee Vivian Law. "One day, we'll open a box of iPhone 5's but I don't know when that will be."

Apple admitted to investors after the initial launch that it was unable to keep up with demand, a problem reportedly aggravated by an inability to produce new screens fast enough.

The vibrant HD screens have proven difficult to produce. However supplier Sharp says they now have adequate production.

The production cost of the phone according to IHS iSupply is \$207 to \$230.

Those who have either bought the new phone or upgraded to the new operating system have seen the default Google Maps app replaced with a brand new in-house app from Apple. The two companies have positioned themselves as rivals with the emergence of Google's Android smartphones.

The misfires have yet to stop people from piling into the Apple Store.

Natasha Davidson, Apple customer, is still holding on to her long-time Palm Pilot but is considering splurging for the new iPhone.

"I don't want to be a follower," said Davidson, "but I know a lot of people with iPhones and they all love them."

# Sunshine graces city for now

*Outdoor activities in the area are a good way of enjoying the sun while it's still here*

By BRANDON KOSTINUK

Staff and students are put on notice; get out and enjoy the sunshine while it's still here.

Grab some friends and head outdoors for some Frolf (frisbee golf), or grab a bike and hit the road while doing the environment a favour.

Chris Collins of Abbie's Sporting Goods says Queen Elizabeth Park offers an ideal location to enjoy the great weather, not to mention access to a free Frolf course located off the corner of East 33 Avenue and Ontario Street.

"It's a brilliant place to come and spend the day," said Collins. "You got the trees, it's free, it's fun, what else do you need?"

Frolf is a simple game. The object is to throw a disc into a metal basket in the least amount of throws, starting from a designated tee pad.

Discs range from \$15 to \$30 at his store and come in four different types for varied throw selections, says Collins. At the amateur level, one can play with any type of disc. Just remember, BYOD (bring your own disc).

The Langara area also contains a grid of interlocking bike routes for the more actively inclined.

"It takes about half an hour to cycle from Richmond to Vancouver using the bike bridge," said Marc Levesque, a second-year biology student at Langara, and added that the Canada Line bike bridge is seldom crowded.

The bridge sits directly under the Canada Line Skytrain and is a dedicated pedestrian/cyclist bridge, meaning no motor vehicle traffic.

Also, the bike racks spotted around campus aren't the only amenities Langara has to offer to cyclists.

"Langara has decent facilities," said Levesque, "like showers and lockers in the gym that staff and students should take advantage of."

Plus, there is a nifty bike repair shop in the SUB just in case your wheels need a little love.

Be sure to check the Translink website for cycling maps around Langara and the Lower Mainland.



BRANDON KOSTINUK photo

Chris Collins of Abbie's Sporting Goods sizes up a shot during a friendly Frolf match at Queen Elizabeth Park.



# Students need available childcare

It's unacceptable that the Langara daycare is not able to take children without first putting them on a two-year waiting list, especially when the parents go to Langara.

Speaking for myself, I have been a student at Langara for six semesters and I put my son, River, on the waiting list when he was 13 months old, 1½ years ago.

It wasn't until I started asking questions about the daycare for an article in The Voice that I started to get a positive response to the possibility of River getting a spot in the campus facility.

They offered to update my application last week and invited River to come in again to see how he fits in. But I'm already on my way out from the college. And what about all the other students in need of childcare?

Ruth Bancroft, Langara daycare director, emailed me in response to my first enquiry in March 2011. "Unfortunately, we

are full for the summer and also the fall terms. We also have a long waitlist so it is hard to say when we will have an opening for your son," she wrote.

Now, I am in my final year at Langara and have had to find alternate solutions to my child's daycare situation.

Not having River at the campus daycare has meant dropping him off at a daycare that is willing to take him early so that I can make it to 8:30 a.m. classes. With travel time, I have had to drop him off as early as 7:30, before any other children had arrived.

Pick-up times at daycares are often stringent. Travel time using off-campus daycares has meant leaving class early to pick River up.

Luckily, I have had the help of my mother-in-law for the last several months, but many people don't have family members who are able to take time off work to help out. Not having the Langara daycare to serve students within their first year of school is a hindrance to parents who need an education to broaden their career options.

The daycare needs to expand its ability to take kids on before the need has passed.



**OPINION**  
Audrey McKinnon

## Hey LSU, where is the trust?

The Langara Students' Union is not providing meeting minutes for the Students' Issue Actions Committee, from the 2011-2012 school year.

Meeting minutes are records of when and where meetings took place, who was in attendance, what was discussed and how resources were directed.

Not only is refusal to provide minutes unacceptable, but it's a clear violation of their own code of conduct.

At their annual general meeting, the LSU announced SIAC received approximately \$54,000 last year in student fees and only spent around \$12,000.

The remaining money is put into a low-interest savings bond.

Any committee of the LSU can withdraw from it, according to LSU media liaison Andy Sandberg. The Voice first approached the LSU regarding the minutes a week and a half ago.

A resource coordinator for the LSU said they would be sent via email within 48 hours. No minutes were received.



**OPINION**  
Ryan Banagan

After a second request, the Voice was told minutes would only be available from the office in person.

The LSU stresses their code is organized around seven primary values, two of them being ethics and trust, but I'm not sold.

In their code under ethics, it says "We work and behave in ways that generate trust and instill faith in our abilities."

How does this situation exemplify the LSU's desire to promote values of ethics or trust?

The LSU is supposed to work for us, the students.

According to their code, "a value is something that is prized or held dear."

If ethics were really prized, the minutes, which ultimately regard our money, would have been sent within 48 hours.

Student unions should be making an effort to be more transparent.

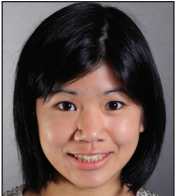
There is no valid reason for the LSU to withhold these minutes aside from sheer laziness—or there's something to hide.



## Hollywood glamour can't stand up against diversity of the International Film Festival

The Vancouver International Film Festival has kicked off this week, and it's an occasion that deserves the attention of locals. It epitomizes the world diversity, with 380 films from 75 countries, and everything from full-length features to shorts and animations.

The VIFF provides a chance to see movies we usually don't get to see. Normally, the choices are limited to the same handful of films playing everywhere – if you're lucky, you might get the occasional theatre that is showing something different. The Scotiabank Theatre in Downtown Vancouver is the only theatre in B.C. screening Samsara, a documentary consisting of an array of beautiful images from all over the world, showcasing every aspect of humanity.



**OPINION**  
Judy Chern

VIFF director Alan Franey said that the festival's mission is to showcase the diversity of film. "Imagine a world where you could only listen to stadium rock and indie bands could never be heard," said Franey, as quoted in the article (Film Fest, p. 4) by Katja De Bock. "A lot of the best cinema is like indie music."

In a city as diverse as Vancouver, it is important to show film that is equally diverse. We turn to film for an escape or to see an alternate perspective, but there are only so many perspectives or escape routes offered by Hollywood.

Many students on campus said that they don't have time to attend festival screenings. Many had the time to go watch the Dark Knight Rises when it came out, as it amassed \$160 billion in its first week through ticket sales in Canada and the US. Modern Hollywood cinema attracts us because of its celebrities, explosions and special effects, as well as the coverage it gets from corporate sponsorships and the

media.

Instead of limiting ourselves to Hollywood's monopoly over film culture, which suppresses the multiplicity of cinema, why not take the chance to see what the rest of the world offers at VIFF?

Diversity is where it's at.

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# Sustainability on campus

*Being kind to the environment is vital to a better tomorrow. Here, we take a look at what has been done at Langara to make our College more green.*

## Campus recycling centre unveiled this week

*A new recycling centre on campus promises to make waste removal more efficient.*

By BRANDON KOSTINUK

Langara’s long-awaited recycling depot will be unveiled this week in an effort to improve the college’s long-term sustainability efforts. Located in the college’s service yard, the recycling facility will house a number of bins to help store recyclable materials like plastic bottles, pop tins and cardboard. “We’re just starting, we’ve built a housing that’s basically a storage facility,” said Wendy Lannard, facilities director at Langara. “Langara is committed to sustain-

ability [and] . . . for us to take a step further, we intended to find one central location to do our recycling.” Recycling already takes place here, said Lannard, but recycled materials are currently stored in various storage rooms around campus, so a central storage facility is the next logical step for the college’s budding sustainability program. But construction of the facility hasn’t come without its bumps and bruises, says Gilberto Chang, site superintendent for Pax Construction Ltd., the company contracted to complete the job.

Unexpected delays pushed the facility’s completion date back about two weeks, said Chang, but it should be operational within the week. What this means for students, well, according to Lannard, it’s too early to tell. As for student involvement, “We’re not there yet, but we certainly hope to get students involved in the future, perhaps by 2013,” said Lannard. But she admits it’s too early to speculate on what this would entail. Frank Williams, co-ordinator of environmental studies at Langara, also commented on the recycling program,

saying students should be reminded that recycling proceeds do go directly into student bursaries. With the expanded storing capacity, Langara students could potentially see a larger pool of funds being directed into bursaries. How much depends on the recycling habits of staff and students. “The biggest problem is contamination,” added Williams. “People throwing burgers in with the plastic bottles costs us money.” The underlying message: recycle with good conscience



Frank Williams, co-ordinator for the environmental studies program, displays the campus compost bins.

BRONWYN SCOTT photo

## Still room to grow for green-oriented goals

*Five sustainability initiatives are helping the school stay conscious when making environmental decisions; however, according to staff, there is still a long way to go.*

By BRONWYN SCOTT

Although Langara has made some sustainability efforts to date, the College acknowledges that more can be done to make the campus greener. There are five sustainability initiatives that the school is moving towards which are listed on the Langara website. According to the site, these initiatives are as follows: moving towards 100 per cent paper recycling, reducing paper usage, building new structures to meet the highest standards in environmental design and energy efficiency, encouraging greener transportation and minimizing energy consumption. So far, the school has only made a small dent in fulfilling these goals. Currently the Students’ Union Building, C-building and library meet the gold standard requirements in the Leadership in Energy and Environ-

mental Design (LEED) rating system, which is a point rating system that takes things like energy and water efficiency into account to measure how environmentally friendly buildings are. Gold is the second highest rating on the LEED scale, and upgrades to the B-building are currently underway to meet these standards. In the area of recycling, Frank Williams, coordinator for the environmental studies program, explained Langara has different bins for garbage, refundable recyclables and paper products. To encourage use of the bins, money from properly disposing refundable containers fund student bursaries; however, the cost of separating garbage from recycling also comes from that cache. “It’s always more complicated than you think,” said Williams. Langara has also maintained a com-

post on-site for over ten years for biodegradable dishware, cutlery and containers from the cafeteria. To encourage alternative and sustainable ways of transportation, multiple bike racks on campus are meant to encourage students to cycle. More are added almost every year to meet demand, said Williams. Even the “wetlands,” as he termed the wild zone at the front of campus featuring a pond and tall grasses, promotes sustainability by saving the school on maintenance costs. “The biggest thing has always been cost,” he said. Despite these efforts, a recent decline in interest has some faculty disheartened. “To tell the truth, a lack of progress has discouraged a number of us,” said Williams in an email statement. “Some of our more active members have retired.”

### FIVE WAYS TO GET GREENER (& save \$\$\$)

- 1 Walk or bike to school instead of driving. (Bonus: no more dealing with public transit).
- 2 Recycle your electronics (old cell phones, TVs, etc) instead of throwing them in the trash.
- 3 A massive amount of energy is used in meat production. Go meatless at least one day/week.
- 4 Borrow books instead of buying.
- 5 Wash your clothes in cold water. 85% of the energy in washing clothes goes into heating the water.

## Waterfillz statistics unclear

*Waterfillz Kiosks are convenient, but have they really been saving the environment as promised?*

By STEVEN CHUA

Waterfillz Kiosks boast they are water without waste, but it’s unclear how many plastic bottles they are saving from the landfill. The Kiosks, which automatically refill bottles with filtered water, are supposed to encourage students to bring reusable containers and reduce waste. The first device was installed in the cafeteria last February; since then, two more have been installed on campus. Electronic number displays on each device count how many bottles they save from being thrown away. The figures increase every time they’re used. “We do not have an accurate number on how many bottles we have saved with this initiative, but saving bottles was certainly the objective,” said Patricia Baker, manager of building operations at Langara. Jordan Lyons, a second-year business student, thinks the convenience should encourage more people to bring their reusable bottles. “It takes twice as long to fill up a water bottle using just a normal water fountain,” said Lyons. “It’ll make people want to use it more.” Hussein Mohaidly, a second-year computer science student, isn’t as optimistic. “I don’t think it’s making a big difference. Most people that go to fill up their water bottles from here use plastic water bottles from outside,” said Mohaidly. “Naturally, when they’re done, what’re they gonna do? They’re probably going to throw them out anyway.” Jeff de Leo, a first-year general studies student, was asked if he felt the Kiosk counters are accurate. “I definitely think it’s not, because I think it’s gone up a couple numbers when I filled up.” When asked about this issue, Baker said it’s because the machines are calibrated to measure smaller bottles of water.





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Thomas Kearnes (left) surveys the pitch on route to a victory over Quest University. Lana Rockhill and Amrit Berar (above) prepare to counter-attack during a shutout victory this past weekend.

# Falcons teams shoot up the rankings with weekend wins

*Langara's soccer teams dominate their weekend competition*

By KEVIN HAMPSON

The Langara Falcons men's and women's soccer teams both won two games last weekend. This garnered them six points, giving them a good shot at the playoffs.

Coach David Shankland said the men are "probably the strongest team I've had since I've been at Langara."

Still, the first half of the season has been tough. The league this year is evenly matched with strong teams, Shankland said.

The team is also set back by inexperience. "The older players should be picking up the younger ones, leading them," Shankland said last week. The team had not yet played to its potential, he added.

But last weekend the men beat Quest University in two games with the

same score of 2-1. The victories gave them six points for a total of 13 – tying them with Kwantlen for second place. Douglas College and Vancouver Island University are tied for the lead with 18 points each.

Shankland said a player to watch for is third-year Brett Wiens, a top scorer. Ramsey Alfantazi, Amrit Nijjar and Andre Perez-Meres have played well as first years, he added.

This weekend the men hope to take six more points from VIU on Saturday and Capilano University on Sunday.

If they succeed they will be in a good position to get to the provincials, Shankland said.

The women's team faces the same hurdles as the men's.

Coach Ryan Birt says this is "the most competitive league that I've seen

in my 12 years."

Like the men, the women are also challenged by inexperience. The team has eight first year players with 13 returning, Birt said.

"It's been tough," he said last Thursday. At that point the team was fifth place out of eight.

However, after two solid wins against Quest last weekend, they have moved to second place.

Defenders Jodie Davis and Katarina Tomic did a "fantastic" job of limiting Quest's scoring chances. The Squamishers were shut out in both games, 2-0 Saturday and 1-0 Sunday.

Mid-fielder Courtney Sheppard also stood out, scoring Sunday's winning goal.

Birt says the team has enough talent to stay in the top four and advance to the nationals.

## NEXT games

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
**Oct. 6**

vs. VIU  
3:00 pm  
At Mariner Field

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
**Oct. 6**

vs. VIU  
1:00 pm  
At Mariner Field

# Langara basketball ready to soar

*Mix of veterans and talented rookies have basketball teams excited for 2012-13 season*

By GILLIAN HAMES

Basketball fans have another month to go before the first games of the 2012-13 season, but it should be worth the wait.

The Langara Falcons men's and women's teams have been working hard and both are optimistic about the upcoming year.

Coach Mike Evans, who has coached the women's team since 2002, says they are in excellent shape.

With only six returning players, this team is expected to have a new style that Evans is excited about.

"Our returning players from last year are all very strong and we have some good rookies," he said. "We'll be a small team, but we'll be fast and aggressive."

Among the returning players is De-

nise Busayong, who was selected to the PACWEST all-rookie team last season.

As far as other teams are concerned, Evans is only worried about whoever they're playing next.

His strategy seems simple enough: taking it one game at a time.

"Our goal is to be the best we can be," he said. "We've got a hard-working group."

The men's team is also in good hands. This is coach Paul Eberhardt's first year at Langara, but he has an extensive background.

He has been coaching both high school and college basketball for over thirty years.

Overall, the team has a lot of depth this year. "We have 11 returning players," Eberhardt confirmed. "That's not usually the case."

With both Brody Greig and Jeff Chu

as point guards, Eberhardt believes this team will have one of the best backcourt combos in the league.

He also expects Elliot Mason, a six-foot-five guard who only played half the season last year, to have a breakout year.

The team's ultimate goal is to win the national championship.

"When I look at this group, I can honestly say that it is a legitimate goal," Eberhardt said. "I think we have the talent and the ability."

Instead of dwelling on their upset loss against Capilano last year in the first round of the provincial championships, Eberhardt says his team will use that as inspiration.

"They're highly motivated to get back and prove to everybody that they're a strong team," he said. "It's nice to work with that."

# All-star baller returns to lead Falcons

*Last season's stand-out rookie set to continue her dominance as sophomore*

By TANYA HILL

Denise Busayong stands five foot three, is swift on her feet, and an unexpected rising star in women's college basketball. Playing guard for the Langara Falcons, Busayong was named to the PACWEST all-rookie team last season.

Now 19-years-old and a human kinetics student, Busayong didn't always picture herself playing basketball. Thanks to the encouragement of her grade-eight basketball coach, she is now a serious contender in women's college hoops.

"I would have never thought to continue with basketball if it wasn't for her," said Busayong.

At practice her focus and determination is evident - teammate Jesseca Eng is quick to praise Busayong, "She fuels our team with energy."

Coach Mike Evans has telling words about Busayong and her success, "She doesn't get tired," he says while zipping back and forth across the court.

It's hard enough for most students to balance school and maintain a social life; how does one fit in basketball as well?

With only one day off from practice a week, studying human kinetics has been a natural fit for Busayong, "So far this year I have noticed that I am focused and you just learn to make it work. I am learning stuff about eating well, sleeping right, and how hard to push yourself."

Another important part of striking a balance is her family. "My whole family comes to every game."

So how does it feel being named to PACWEST all-rookie team?

"It felt good to come out of nowhere and prove myself. Because I'm so small I had to make myself be recognized and I felt like I deserved it."

The Langara women's basketball team is hard working, skilled and fun to watch. However women's basketball still struggles to get recognition and to draw spectators. "Family and friends come out, but for other people it's hard to make it out," Busayong admits. This does not stop her from setting her sights high, "I hope to make the provincials top three," she says confidently.



TANYA HILL/GILLIAN HAMES photos

Denise Busayong attempts a basket versus Langara alumni last Friday night in a practice game on campus.